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Subject: RE: FW: RTAG Ideas
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You could ask them what they'd add to the agenda and if they have ideas for speakers. That would give them the opportunity to offer themselves, if they have something to add.
I've not known them to remain mute when they want to say something. And they've always had the opportunity, since they're on the e-mailing list, come to meetings, etc.
Stupid ideas? No such thing!

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What is your opinion about giving Matt Roda Cindy Sarteau (sp?) a few minutes to speak? We never had the Eviros perspective presented at the RTAG, and I'm trying to decide if it is a good idea. Please tell me what you think, since you have worked with them the most. If you think it's stupid, it won't hurt my feelings. I have lots of stupid ideas all the time. Ask anybody.

Thanks

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Howdy, Mike!

Shelly forwarded your email to me. I'm planning on attending the upcoming RTAG meeting and wanted to also pass along some of my thoughts on speakers/topics:

- In addition to the latest work in nutrient studies, and what's happening w/ federal WQS regulations and recreational criteria implementation- some WQS discussion about antidegradation (in general, what is EPA thinking J?) would be helpful.
- Can we get Billy Justus and/or Scott Mize w/ USGS to attend and discuss latest paper (attached) on DO/fish assemblage work in lowland streams? This work may help inform other states w/ similar concerns:
 - Contains methodologies for selecting/identifying study sites, including 'least-

impacted' conditions.

- Could support 'stressor-response' studies for nutrients.
- Discussion on 'background' - i.e. identifying "what's natural???" may be a good topic by itself.
- Stats analyses (MDS, CCA, etc.), especially for biological assemblages, would be very helpful.

Please add me to your email'ings. Hope you're doing great!

Best, Kris

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Hello and Happy Friday!!

As y'all know, the annual nutrient RTAG is set for March 20. I am working on the agenda, which consists of state updates followed by one or two technical presentations in the nutrient arena.

If you have any suggestions regarding topics or speakers, please let me know and I'll see if I can work with them. We will have a national update from Jack Oliver (EPA HQ). We haven't been able to get HQ staff to Region 6 for several years.

And you should have been made aware of the closed states/EPA WQS meeting on March 21.

Maybe we can all do a dinner thing on the 20th.

Looking forward to seeing y'all again.

Thanks

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